The Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize

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What Is the Prize?



The government of Japan established the Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize in July 2006 in memory of Dr. Hideyo Noguchi, who devoted himself to medical advancement in Africa and passed away in Ghana. The Prize aims to honor individuals or institutions with outstanding achievements to combat infectious and other diseases in Africa. There are two categories: medical research and medical services.

The awarding ceremony and memorial banquet were held at the Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD), in 2008 and in 2013 in Yokohama respectively.

Nomination Process

Establishment of the Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize Committee Recommendation of candidates by the Sub-committees of Medical Research and Medical Services

Meeting of the Prize Committee to select the finalists based on the recommendation by the Sub-committees

Final decision by Prime Minister based on the recommendation of the Prize Committee



The awarding ceremony and memorial banquet

Laureates

■ Laureates for the first Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize



Dr. Brian Greenwood (UK) Medical Research Category

Professor of Clinical Tropical Medicine, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Dr. Greenwood contributed to research and designing of effective strategies to control malaria and other infectious diseases through immunopathology, epidemiology, anthropology and others in Africa for more than 30 years.



Prof. Miriam K. Were (Kenya) Medical Services Category

Chairperson, National AIDS Control Council of Kenya

For the past 40 years, Prof. Were dedicated her life to advancing the health and welfare of the African people through a focus on the practicalities of delivering service at a local level.

Laureates for the second Hideyo Noguchi Africa Prize



Dr. Peter Piot (Belgium) Medical Research Category

Director and Professor of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

Dr. Piot dedicated his life to research on infectious diseases including Ebola and HIV, and further to implementing the necessary measures in Africa more than 30 years.



Dr. Alex Godwin Coutinho (Uganda) Medical Services Category

Executive Director of the Infectious Disease Institute - Makerere University

Dr. Coutinho contributed to designing and creation of prevention and cures on HIV, and dissemination of its prevention and cures in Africa over the past 30 years.